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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

YOKOYAMA ET AL.

Examiner

Neveen Abel-Jalil

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 June 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 7 and 8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Remarks

1. The Amendment filed on June 3, 2005 has been received and entered. Claims 1-6 have been cancelled. Claims 7-8 have been newly added. Therefore, claims 7-8 are now pending.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 7 is objected to because of the following informalities: In claim 7, line 11; the claimed recitation of "even message" should be changed to - - event message --. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim 8 is dependent on claim 7, and therefore carries the same deficiency.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 7-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nichols (U.S. Patent No. 6,353,775 B1).

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As to claim 7, Nichols discloses a distributed system comprising:

a first network to which at least one device for performing periodically sending or receiving of a message is connected (See Nichols column 3, lines 12-18);

a second network to which at least one device for performing the sending or receiving of a message in response to an event or demand is connected (See Nichols column 3, lines 19-25);
and

a gateway connected to said first and second networks, said gateway having periodical message receiving means for receiving messages which said first network sends periodically, first memory means for storing the message received by said periodical message receiving means, message value change detecting means for detecting the change of the value of the data included in the message stored in said memory means, and event message sending means for producing a message from the data stored in said memory means when said message value change detecting means detects a change of the value of the data, and for delivering the produced message to said second network (See Nichols column 3, lines 26-67, also see Nichols column 5, lines 1-43);

wherein said at least one device connected to said first network for performing periodically the sending or receiving messages is an engine controlling device or an ACC control unit, and said device for performing sending or receiving of messages in response to an event or demand is a navigation system or an internet terminal (See Nichols column 4, lines 9-59).

As to claim 8, Nichols discloses wherein said gateway further comprising event message receiving means for receiving an event message delivered on to one network in response to an event or demand for reading in data (See Nichols column);

second memory means for storing data of said event message, and periodical message sending means for delivering periodically the data stored in said memory means as a message on a different network (See Nichols column 4, lines 9-59).

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 7-8 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event,

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however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Stupek, Jr. et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,526,442 B1) teaches operational system for managing devices participating in a network.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Neveen Abel-Jalil whose telephone number is 571-272-4074. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:30PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey A. Gaffin can be reached on 571-272-4146. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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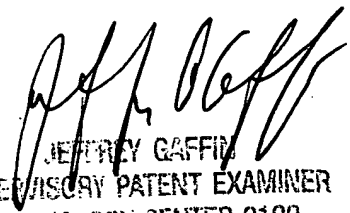
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